

the battery further comprises a current collector in contact with the integrated circuit.

- 56. (New) The circuit of claim 55 wherein the current collector has a plurality of contacts with the integrated circuit.
- 57. (New) The circuit of claim 55 wherein the current collector is connected with a plurality of integrated circuits.

REMARKS

Claims 29-44 and 52-57 remain for consideration. Claims 1-28 and 45-51 are canceled without prejudice in view of a restriction requirement.

Claim 52 is supported by the specification, for example, at page 2, lines 10-14. Claim 53 is supported by the specification, for example, at page 44, lines 1-10. Claim 54 is supported by the specification, for example, at page 38, lines 10-14. Claim 55 is supported by the specification, for example, at page 3, lines 12-19 and page 56, lines 13-20. Claims 56 and 57 are supported by the specification, for example, at page 56, lines 25-34. No new matter is introduced by the new claims.

Restriction/Election

The Examiner imposed a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 asserting that the claims, as filed, included eight distinct inventions. Applicants elect without traverse group V covering claims 29-44 directed to a battery. Claims directed to non-elected inventions are canceled without prejudice.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the pending claims.

Applicants do not believe any additional claim fees are due since more claims were canceled than added. The Director of the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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